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Burn Ban Declared **in Sedgwick County Fire District #1**

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) - Due to a combination of extremely dry conditions over the past several weeks, warm temperatures and recent high winds, a heightened level of fire danger is present in Sedgwick County. As a result, Sedgwick County Fire District #1 has issued, effective immediately, **a total ban on burning.**

This ban on burning applies to all burning operations within the Sedgwick County Fire District, and will include revocation of all current burn permits that have been previously issued. A suspension of new burn permits was announced on January 16 as a precautionary measure.

"The dry weather conditions pose a threat to the safety of our citizens and property," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. "It is always better to be safe than sorry."

The Sedgwick County Fire District wants to emphasize awareness of ignition sources that could start an unwanted fire. All ignition sources need to be treated in a responsible manner to prevent fires, especially during the current weather conditions.

For further information, contact:

Sedgwick County Fire District #1: Fire Marshal Greg Thompson or Division Chief Tim Millspaugh at 744-0471

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